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Application Number	09/648,780
Filing Date	August 28, 2000
First Named Inventor	Saturo Bushida et al.
Art Unit	2828
Examiner Name	Leon Scott, Jr.
Attorney Docket Number	80101

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 12/09/2003 DTESSEH1 00000096 09648780
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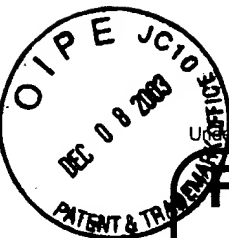
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